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"AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BULLYING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10-222d of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

5 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall develop and
6 implement a policy, for use on and after February 1, 2003, to address
7 the existence of bullying in its schools. Such policy shall: (1) Enable
8 students to anonymously report acts of bullying to teachers and school
9 administrators and require students to be notified annually of the
10 process by which they may make such reports, (2) enable the parents
11 or guardians of students to file written reports of suspected bullying,
12 (3) require teachers and other school staff who witness acts of bullying
13 or receive student reports of bullying to notify school administrators,
14 (4) require school administrators to investigate any written reports

15 filed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section and to review any
16 anonymous reports, (5) include an intervention strategy for school staff
17 to deal with bullying, (6) provide for the inclusion of language in
18 student codes of conduct concerning bullying, (7) require the parents
19 or guardians of students who commit any verified acts of bullying and
20 the parents or guardians of students against whom such acts were
21 directed to be notified, (8) require each school to maintain a list of the
22 number of verified acts of bullying in such school and make such list
23 available for public inspection, and (9) direct the development of case-
24 by-case interventions for addressing repeated incidents of bullying
25 against a single individual or recurrently perpetrated bullying
26 incidents by the same individual that may include both counseling and
27 discipline. The notification required pursuant to subdivision (7) of this
28 section shall include a description of the response of school staff to
29 such acts and any consequences that may result from the commission
30 of further acts of bullying. For purposes of this section, "bullying"
31 means any overt acts by a student or a group of students directed
32 against another student with the intent to ridicule, harass, humiliate or
33 intimidate the other student while on school grounds, at a school-
34 sponsored activity or on a school bus, which acts are [repeated against
35 the same student over time] committed more than once against any
36 student during the school year. Such policies may include provisions
37 addressing bullying outside of the school setting if it has a direct and
38 negative impact on a student's academic performance or safety in
39 school.

40 (b) On and after January 1, 2008, if the Department of Education
41 finds that a local or regional board of education has failed to
42 implement the policy required pursuant to subsection (a) of this
43 section, the department shall withhold from the grant paid pursuant to
44 section 10-262i to the town or regional school districts an amount not
45 less than two thousand five hundred dollars nor more than five
46 thousand dollars, provided the Commissioner of Education or the
47 commissioner's designee, prior to withholding any funds, gives the
48 local or regional board of education an opportunity to explain its

49 actions in an administrative hearing conducted pursuant to chapter 54.

50 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is
51 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
52 *1, 2007*):

53 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-
54 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil
55 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or
56 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such
57 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)
58 the nature and the relationship of drugs, as defined in subdivision (17)
59 of section 21a-240, and alcohol to health and personality development,
60 and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health and mental
61 health risk reduction education which includes, but need not be
62 limited to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children and the
63 relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually
64 transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in
65 section 19a-581, violence, child abuse and youth suicide, (3) the growth
66 and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and
67 gifted and talented children and children who may require special
68 education, including, but not limited to, children with attention-deficit
69 hyperactivity disorder or learning disabilities, and methods for
70 identifying, planning for and working effectively with special needs
71 children in a regular classroom, (4) school violence prevention, [and]
72 conflict resolution and prevention of bullying, as defined in subsection
73 (a) of section 10-222d, as amended by this act, (5) cardiopulmonary
74 resuscitation and other emergency life saving procedures, (6) computer
75 and other information technology as applied to student learning and
76 classroom instruction, communications and data management, (7) the
77 teaching of the language arts, reading and reading readiness for
78 teachers in grades kindergarten to three, inclusive, and (8) second
79 language acquisition in districts required to provide a program of
80 bilingual education pursuant to section 10-17f. The State Board of
81 Education, within available appropriations and utilizing available
82 materials, shall assist and encourage local and regional boards of

83 education to include: (A) Holocaust education and awareness; (B) the
 84 historical events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-
 85 American history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American
 86 history; (F) personal financial management; and (G) topics approved
 87 by the state board upon the request of local or regional boards of
 88 education as part of in-service training programs pursuant to this
 89 subsection.

90 Sec. 3. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-233d of the
 91 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 92 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

93 (3) Unless an emergency exists, no pupil shall be expelled without a
 94 formal hearing held pursuant to sections 4-176e to 4-180a, inclusive,
 95 and section 4-181a, provided whenever such pupil is a minor, the
 96 notice required by section 4-177 and section 4-180 shall also be given to
 97 the parents or guardian of the pupil. If an emergency exists, such
 98 hearing shall be held as soon after the expulsion as possible. The notice
 99 shall include information concerning legal services provided free of
 100 charge or at a reduced rate that are available locally and how to access
 101 such services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-222d
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-220a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-233d(a)(3)